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STANDARD DESCRIPTORS – VISUAL OBSERVATIONS OF NAPL

Descriptive Term	Definition
No Visible Evidence	No visible evidence of oil on soil or sediment sample
Sheen	Any visible sheen in the water on soil or sediment particles or the core
Staining	Visible brown or black staining in soil or sediment; can be visible as mottling or in bands; typically associated with fine-grained soil or sediment
Coating	Visible brown or black oil coating soil or sediment particles; typically associated with coarse-grained soil or sediment such as coarse sand, gravels, and cobbles.
Oil Wetted	Visible brown or black oil wetting the soil or sediment sample; oil appears as a liquid and is not held by soil or sediment grains